



# Curriculum Newsletter

## Year R Term 5 2020/21

Hello everyone, this newsletter aims to give you an overview of the exciting learning we have planned for Term 5. We all hope you enjoyed a restful Easter break and have recharged your batteries for another eventful and exciting term. We have been so impressed with how well the class have come back to school with enthusiasm and excitement to learn – they really are amazing.

### **A few reminders for the term ahead:**

We are continuing with our 'one way' system as you enter and leave the school premises. Thank you for your support with this.

We ask that children come to school in their full school uniform. Please refer to our school website for further information on this - <https://www.themanorcofeprimary.org.uk/school-uniform>

We would also like to remind our families that we are a nut-free school. Some of our children suffer with various allergies and so in order to keep everyone safe, we ask that you do not include food items containing nuts in your child's lunch box or as a break time snack.

### **Phonics, reading & spelling**

If you haven't seen it, please refer to the latest observation email about which day we will be swapping reading books and hearing your child read. We are trialling this approach to help you with the organisation of book bags and to help the children get into a routine.

Please try to read with your child at least five times a week (this can be from the word lists, tricky words, practising the sounds at the back of the reading books or reading books)

### **Maths**

In maths this term, will we be doing more subtraction work and will be also trying to count backwards when taking away. This is why it is important that we continue to secure counting back from 20 to 0 confidently and accurately.

We will also be learning how to double and half quantities and will move on to sharing.

Please see the new home learning activities and ideas to support the maths learning that we are doing in class.

This term we are going to be revisiting all the digraphs and trigraphs:

ai, ee, igh, oa, oo, er, ur, ar, oi,  
ow, ng, sh, ch, th, air, ear, ure

We will also be attempting to read and spell words with more than one syllable (please see the word lists on the back of the learning overview for term 5). In addition to this, we will be focusing on common words and seeing if we can start to read them automatically rather than sound them out to speed up our reading:

a an as if it in	a is it off of on	can dad had back and get	big him his not got up mum
will this then that them with see	look now down for now down look too	I no go to into the	he was she you we her me my be they all are

## Knowledge & Understanding of the World

This term we will be exploring the world of minibeasts and looking at how they move, where they live, what they eat etc.

We will be focusing on specific minibeasts according to what the children find interesting and will be trying to nurture our caterpillars into butterflies (unfortunately we were not very successful with the tadpoles!)

So far the class have shown an interest in grasshoppers, hairy spiders, fireflies and dung beetles!



Your child will still be taking part in P.E on **Thursdays** and will come to school dressed in their PE kit for that day. Please make sure they have sun hats, sunscreen applied and water bottles on these days.



We will continue to send home your child's homework for the entire term. This will include the term's spelling words/rules and Maths Instant Recall Facts. **We will be asking for homework books to be brought back into school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May.** These will then be marked and returned to your child at the beginning of Term 6.



Please ensure your child has a bottle of water at school every day, as at this time our water fountains will be out of use.

Also please make sure that their school uniform is labelled clearly with their name and class (we **still** spend a lot of time trying to return items of clothing to families that are not labelled).

As we move into the summer months, please ensure your child brings a hat to school on sunny days and that they wear some 'all day' sun protection. There are many on the market which can be applied in the morning and these last for about six hours.